



WAGE INCREASE FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS BRINGS US CLOSER TO UNIVERSAL EARLY LEARNING

As a coalition of early childhood advocates, community groups, unions and service providers, we welcome the Federal Government's 15 per cent wage rise for early childhood educators and teachers.

Educators make early learning possible. They are the backbone of the sector and want to work in a system that allows them to apply their professional skills to foster children's development.

They're essential workers in every sense of the word. They make it possible for the economy to function and for workers in every industry to walk through the front door of their workplace each day.

With the wage rise to be funded directly by the Federal Government with a cap on fee increases for providers that sign up, educators will receive better pay without families facing the cost.

This wage rise is an investment in the health and wellbeing of Australia's children, and brings us one step closer to a truly universal early childhood education and care system that is low cost to families, high quality, and accessible for all.

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